

KANSAS SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT (K-12th) 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Immunization requirements and recommendations are based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations and the consensus of the Governor's Child Health Advisory Committee Immunization Workgroup.

K.A.R. 28-1-20 defines immunizations required for any individual who attends school or early childhood programs operated by a school. http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/download/KS_Imm_Regs_for_School_and_Childcare.pdf

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP):** Five doses required. Four doses are acceptable if dose 4 is given on or after the 4th birthday. A single dose of **Tdap** is required at Grades 7-12 if no previous history of Tdap vaccination regardless of interval since the last Td.
- **Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV):** Four doses required. Three doses are acceptable. One dose required after age 4 regardless of the number of previous doses, with a 6 month minimum interval from the previous dose.
- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella:** two doses required.
- **Hepatitis B:** three doses required grades K-12.
- **Varicella (chickenpox):** two doses required for grades K-12 or history of varicella disease documented by physician.

Detailed school immunization requirements by age group are listed on the 02/2015 version of the Kansas Certificate of Immunization (KCI). http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/download/KCI_Form.pdf

In addition, to the immunizations required for school entry listed above, the 2015 ACIP recommendations include the following vaccinations for adolescents to protect them from three other preventable diseases:

- **Meningococcal (MCV4):** one dose *recommended* at 11 years with a booster dose at 16 years of age; not required for school entry.
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV):** three doses *recommended* at 11 years of age; not required for school entry.
- **Influenza:** yearly vaccination *recommended* for all ages \geq 6 months of age; not required for school entry.

The Recommended ACIP with minimum intervals can be found at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>

The minimum age and interval must be met for any vaccine dose to be considered valid.

Efforts by school and public health officials, immunization providers and parents have been central to the success of reducing vaccine preventable diseases and protecting Kansas students and families. Thank you for your dedication.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS OPERATED BY SCHOOLS 2015-16 School Year

Immunization requirements and recommendations for the 2015-2016 school year are based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations. The current immunization schedules, including catch up schedules, may be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>.

K.A.R. 28-1-20 defines immunizations required for children attending child care facilities licensed by KDHE or early childhood programs operated by schools. The complete regulation is available at http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/download/KS_Imm_Regs_for_School_and_Childcare.pdf.

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP):** five doses required. Doses given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 15-18 months (4th dose may be given at 12 months provided at least 6 months after dose 3) and 5 years of age. Four doses are acceptable if dose 4 given on or after the 4th birthday and 6 month after 3rd dose.
- **Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV):** Four doses required. Three are doses acceptable. One dose required after age 4 regardless of the number of previous doses, with a 6 month minimum interval from the previous dose.
- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella:** A dose given between 12-15 months and one dose prior to Kindergarten entry. Interval may be as short as 28 days between doses during an outbreak situation of any of the three diseases.
- **Hepatitis B:** three doses required. Doses given at birth, 2 months, and 6-18 months of age.
- **Varicella (chickenpox):** One dose between 12-15 months and one dose prior to Kindergarten unless history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician. Interval may be as short as 28 days between doses during an outbreak situation.
- **Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib):** four doses required for children less than 5 years of age. Doses given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and 12-15 months of age. Total doses needed for series completion is dependent on the type of vaccine and the age of the child when doses given.
- **Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV):** four doses required for children less than 5 years of age. Doses given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, and 12-15 months of age. Total doses needed dependent on the age of the child when doses given.
- **Hepatitis A:** two doses required for children less than 5 years of age. The first dose is given at 12 to 18 months of age, with a 6 month interval between the first and second doses.

In addition, to the immunizations required for children attending child care facilities licensed by KDHE and early childhood programs operated by schools, the 2015 ACIP recommendations include the following additional immunizations:

- **Rotavirus:** three doses *recommended* for < 8 months of age; not required.
- **Influenza:** yearly vaccination *recommended* for all ages \geq 6 months of age; not required.

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